#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp (U-901-C) for an Order Authorizing an Immediate Interim Rate Increase, Subject to Refund, and for Consideration of a Rate Stabilization Plan.

Application 01-03-026 (Filed March 16, 2001)

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DENYING MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER

On October 25, 2002, PacifiCorp filed a motion for a protective order. The protective order would apply to the Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), and other parties. The purpose of the motion is to insure confidential treatment of documents obtained from PacifiCorp in this proceeding. Public Utilities Code Section 583 addresses staff treatment of confidential information. Therefore, no protective order is needed regarding staff, including ORA. As to other parties, PacifiCorp and the parties should negotiate appropriate nondisclosure agreements, as is routinely done in other proceedings. In addition, PacifiCorp should clearly mark information submitted to the Commission and/or any party for which it requests confidential treatment.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that PacifiCorp's motion for a protective order, filed on October 25, 2002, is denied.

Dated November 21, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEFFREY P. O'DONNELL Jeffrey P. O'Donnell

## Administrative Law Judge

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Denying Motion for a Protective Order on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 21, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID
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